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## Response to Amendment

The reply filed on is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Although the Applicant has elected a species, no corresponding claim election has been made (required by Applicant when a restriction based on different species is made by the examiner (see restriction requirement in the previous Office Action).

After further review, the examiner suggests the following claims be elected:

Species I (Figure 3A): Claims 1-30.

Species II (Figure 5): Claims 31-43.

<u>See</u> 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE** (1) **MONTH or THIRTY** (30) **DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

## Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason P. Salce whose telephone number is (571) 272-7301. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9am-6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Miller can be reached on (571) 272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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